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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for filing an Appeal Brief in connection with the above-captioned application be extended, from the date we filed a Notice of Appeal which was March 18, 2004, for one month, to and including June 18, 2004. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith.

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